



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes

March 7, 2007

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, in the Council Chamber, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Greta Connor, Suzette Davis, Diane Gibbs, Barbara Lawther, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson, and Bill Safrit.

Absent: Cindee Bridges, Chad Morgan, Johnny Safrit, and Tom Wolpert

Staff: Lynn Raker and Diana Moghrabi

Barbara Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted. The Financial Report is unchanged; there will be expenses this month.

The public has approached Community Appearance Commission members to voice their dislike of the proposed Salisbury logo. Comments mirror those seen in the editorials of the *Salisbury Post*.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

The CAC Neighborhoods and Education Committee met March 1, at noon in the first floor conference room at City Hall. The committee was disappointed that the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance subcommittee did not appear to make as significant an impact on the City Council as they had hoped. The City Council did not adopt a specific goal that related to the problem as presented by the subcommittee. They plan to meet with Mark Lewis to discuss the outcome and future of the subcommittee's findings.

Greta Connor scheduled a meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance for March 29, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The committee prepared a list of agenda items. Invitations have been mailed to the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance members.

Lynn will bring to the meeting the proposed text for the new ordinance that pertains to parking. She also hopes to have the sign for Park Avenue entrance. There will be a discussion about the Spring Spruce Up at the meeting. Mark Lewis or Joe Morris may wish to address the branding and wayfinding issue at this meeting.

Lynn Raker reported that the property behind City Hall on Lee Street has been purchased by Downtown Salisbury, Inc. and will be stabilized, rehabilitated, and available for business use. Gray Stout and Seamus Donaldson purchased the nearby two-story house on Fisher Street for restoration. There is a plan to subdivide the rear of the houses and give that property to the city.

for probable parking. The two smaller structures on that property are proposed for demolition. The plan was presented to Rotary Club by Randy Hemann. The remainder of that corner is out for bid for the Brooklyn South Square Project. The Downtown, Fisher and Lee Streets will be greatly improved this time next year.

Art in Public Places

1. Public services installed the “Integration” marker at 123 W. Innes St., next to the Salisbury Post; the dedication will be after the Mayor’s Spirit Luncheon on March 27.
2. The History and Art Trail brochure is 99% complete.
3. The committee continues to work with the artist on the gateway project.

Landscaping

Landscape of the Month—Suzette Davis volunteered to be the Landscape Committee Chair. There was a discussion about the Landscape of the Month sign design. Lynn will look into a redwood sign with rods inserted into the stakes for easy insertion into the ground. Diane Gibbs volunteered to serve on this committee, too.

Municipal Service District (MSD) and Innes Street Improvement Grants (ISG)

Bill Safrit asked if OK Wig had turned in an application; Lynn reported that she has not received one.

Clay Lindsay has not submitted a new application for the Social Security Building.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Barbara Perry addressed the issue of absenteeism. Bylaws state that when you miss three meetings you will be contacted by the Chair of CAC. Cindee Bridges has missed nine meetings; she is interested but is very involved with the issues going on with Rowan Homes. We will need to get a new chair for the Landscaping Committee. (Suzette Davis volunteered to Chair the Landscaping Committee.)
- Kent Brown inquired about the landscaping on I-85; NC DOT has not approved the plan.
- The Dixonville Cemetery Committee is well attended, and they are getting funds together for the project.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next regular CAC meeting will be April 4, 2007.

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